

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 002983

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 11/28/2013

TAGS: [PREL](#) [KPAL](#) [IS](#) [UNGA](#)

SUBJECT: DUTCH MFA ON UN ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: SECSTATE 326258

Classified By: Political Counselor Mary E. Daly for reasons 1.5...

12431

2003-11-28

03THEHAGUE2983

Embassy The Hague

CONFIDENTIAL

03SECSTATE326258

C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 002983

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 11/28/2013

TAGS: [PREL](#) [KPAL](#) [IS](#) [UNGA](#)

SUBJECT: DUTCH MFA ON UN ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: SECSTATE 326258

Classified By: Political Counselor Mary E. Daly for reasons 1.5 (b and d)

(C): PolOff delivered reftel points to Dutch MFA Director of UN Political and Judicial Affairs Pieter Ramaer on November 128. Ramaer said the EU cannot technically oppose the convening of an Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly, apart from conveying that the session is not timely. Ramaer said he cannot imagine the EU will go along with the Palestinian challenge to Israeli credentials. Personally speaking, he said the challenge to Israeli credentials doesn't stand a chance, and is just a mechanism to draw attention to Palestinian and Arab frustration. Regarding the request to seek an International Court of Justice (ICJ) opinion on the legality of the Israeli separation barrier, Ramaer noted the Dutch are not enthusiastic about the ICJ and agree with the U.S. that bringing ICJ into the peace process will only complicate matters. He said he cannot yet predict what the EU will do if in fact the ICJ resolution comes to a vote, but made it clear there is a preference for keeping the ICJ out of the Middle East Peace Process. Ramaer said he agrees with the U.S. points regarding the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, but thinks the EU consensus will be for abstention with an explanatory vote like last year. He asked for more time to check with his MFA and New York colleagues about the Division of Palestinian Rights, agreeing to contact PolOff on Monday with any further information.

RUSSEL